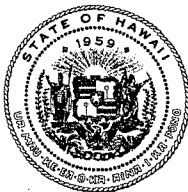


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The Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Kekuanaoa Building
465 South King Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

RE: Docket No. 03-0372 – In the Matter of the Public Utilities Commission
Instituting a Proceeding to Investigate Competitive Bidding for New
Generating Capacity in Hawaii

Ordering paragraph 1 of Decision and Order No. 22588 ("D&O 22588") filed on June 30, 2006 in the above docketed matter required the Parties¹ to submit comments on the Commission's proposed Framework and address the issues set forth in Section III.D. of D&O 22588 by no later than July 31, 2006.

Due to the procedural schedules set forth in other docketed matters,² and the need to comply with such schedules, the Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate") has been unable to complete its comments on the proposed Framework and address the issues set forth in Section III.D. of D&O 22588. As a result, the Consumer Advocate requests a one-week extension of time to comply with Ordering paragraph 1 of D&O 22588 (i.e., from July 31, 2006 to August 7, 2006). The requested extension would also apply to the filing of the other Parties in the proceeding (i.e., all Parties would

¹ The current Parties to the instant proceeding are Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, Limited, Kauai Island Utility Cooperative, Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy.

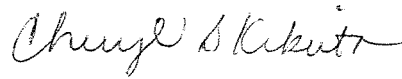
² For example, the preparation of the Consumer Advocate's Statement of Position filed in Docket No. 06-0120 and the discussions that have continued to take place on that application, as well as the negotiations that have taken place in Docket No. 05-0103 are examples of two docketed matters that have required a significant amount of time and resources.

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file their comments on the proposed Framework and issues set forth in Section III.D. of
D&O 22588 on August 7, 2006).³

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,



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³ The Parties have indicated that they do not object to the requested extension of time to comply
with Ordering paragraph 1 of D&O 22588.